

REMARKS


Applicants thank Examiner Rao for his time to have telephonic conversations on November 21, 2004 and December 2, 2004 regarding applicants' proposed amendments to the claims. During those conversations, Examiner Rao requested that claim 73 be amended so that it no longer depends from claims 71 and 72, and that claims 77 and 78 be canceled. In the interest of moving the application toward allowance, applicants propose herein to amend the claims, without prejudice, as requested by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the previously pending claims, unamended, in one or more continuation applications.

As discussed during the December 2, 2004 conversation with Examiner Rao, applicants also submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement which cites references cited in a counterpart application filed in Australia.

Enclosed is a \$1180 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney's Docket No. 10363-005001.

Respectfully submitted,

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